



## *City of Miami Springs, Florida*

The Miami Springs City Council held a **SPECIAL MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, April 13, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

### **1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m.

The following were present:

Mayor Billy Bain  
Vice Mayor Bob Best  
Councilman Xavier Garcia  
Councilman Rob Youngs

Absent:

Councilman Paul C. Dotson

Also Present:

City Manager James R. Borgmann  
Assistant City Manager Ronald K. Gorland  
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden  
Chief of Police Peter G. Baan  
Finance Director Leacroft E. Robinson  
Comptroller Alicia E. González  
Public Works Director Robert T. Williams  
Human Resources Director Loretta M. Boucher  
City Planner Richard E. Ventura  
Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson  
Grant Writer/Public Information Specialist Carol A. Foster  
City Clerk Magalí Valls

### **2. Invocation:** Councilman Garcia offered the invocation.

**Salute to the Flag:** The audience participated.

**3. Approval of Council Minutes:**

**3A) 03/16/2009 – Special Meeting**

Minutes of the March 16, 2009 Special Meeting were approved as written.

**Vice Mayor Best moved the item. Councilman Youngs seconded the motion which was carried 4-0 on roll call vote.**

**3B) 03/23/2009 – Regular Meeting**

Minutes of the March 23, 2009 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

**Councilman Garcia moved the item. Councilman Youngs seconded the motion which was carried 4-0 on roll call vote.**

**4. Resolution – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Canvassing Returns of the Miami Springs General Municipal and Special Elections of April 7, 2009 and Declaring Results Thereof**

City Attorney Seiden read the resolution in its entirety.

**Councilman Garcia moved the item. Councilman Youngs seconded the motion which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. (Resolution No. 2009-3442).**

**5. Administration of Oath of Office to City Officials**

Prior to the Administration of the Oath of Office, Mayor Bain offered the sitting Council members the chance to make closing statements.

Vice Mayor Best thanked his election opponent, Jim Llewellyn, for being a friend, for the views he expressed and his genuine candor during the campaign. He expressed his appreciation for all of the residents that voted him into office and stated that he hopes to deliver for the next two years and move the City forward.

Councilman Garcia noted that he said his ‘good-byes’ and ‘thank-yous’ at the last Council meeting, but he did want to thank all of the candidates than ran for office. He knows that it was not an easy job, and campaigning takes a lot of time and effort as the candidates approached as many residents as possible.

Councilman Garcia felt that the new Council members were well qualified to make the right decisions for the City as public servants. He promised to remain active and vigilant to ensure that the City continues to make progress, and again thanked everyone for their love and support for the past four years.

Councilman Youngs thanked every one for the love and support, criticisms and corrections that have been expressed over the years. He thanked God, his wife Ernestine and his family for the wonderful support and sacrifices they have made.

Councilman Youngs said that all of the Council members, past and present, and the Administration devote a good portion of their lives out of their love for the City. He felt that the City should be cherished and protected, and he honors all that ran for office because they offered themselves up for that task. An elected official carries a sacred trust to work for the benefit of the residents, and he felt that the incoming Council members would work as hard as those that came before them. He was grateful for the honor and privilege to have served.

Mayor Bain felt that Council had accomplished much during its tenure, though not all the goals they had set for themselves were achieved. He gets frustrated by the slow pace at which government moves at times. He said he appreciated the candor and opinions of the outgoing members.

Mayor Bain congratulated Vice Mayor Best and said that he looked forward to working with him for the next two years. He said that it has been a privilege to serve with Councilman Youngs for the past six years; they did not always agree, but they always had the best interest of the City at heart, and he appreciated that. He said that he would miss Councilman Garcia's pledges and his presence on the dais; he handled anything that was thrown at him with class and dignity.

Mayor Bain publicly apologized to former Mayor Wheeler because there were comments made during his mayoral campaign six years ago that should not have been made, and were made without his knowledge at the time.

Mayor Bain again thanked and blessed the outgoing Council members, and asked that the swearing in process begin with Vice Mayor Best.

City Clerk Magalí Valls administered the oath of office to Vice Mayor Best.

Mayor Bain asked Dan Espino – Group II to come forward. He introduced and welcomed the Honorable Judge Frank A. Shepherd, Third District Court of Appeals.

Judge Shepard administered the oath of office to Councilman Daniel Alexander Espino.

Mayor Bain asked George V. Lob – Group III to come forward.

City Clerk Magalí Valls administered the oath of office to Councilman George V. Lob.

Mayor Bain introduced Jennifer Ator – Group IV and welcomed the Honorable Judge Judith Rubenstein, Eleventh Judicial Circuit County Court.

Judge Rubenstein noted that she was a resident of Miami Springs and said that she was honored to swear in Jennifer Ator, knowing that her commitment to the City would benefit all the residents.

Judge Rubenstein administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Jennifer Ator.

City Clerk Magalí Valls administered the oath of office to Mayor Bain.

Mayor Bain introduced Mariakarla Leon and Melissa Garcia from Girl Scout Troop 534. He explained that both girls were eight years old and were working towards earning their patches for Civic Duty. They both worked at the Miami Springs election and he was presenting them a letter from the Mayor's office in recognition of their efforts.

Mayor Bain asked for any comments from the Council members.

Vice Mayor Best congratulated the new Council members and wished them all well.

Councilman Espino stated that it was an honor to be part of the Council and it was truly a privilege to be elected by friends, family and neighbors. He said it was a humbling experience to walk door to door and listen to the residents' ideas, praise and concerns. The Council is elected and charged to help the City move forward, and that will be his intent for the next two years.

Councilman Lob thanked Councilman Espino for 'saying it all'. He agreed it was a humbling experience to serve on Council and have the faith of so many people. He thanked every one and hoped that he would be able to do the job that he was chosen to do.

Councilwoman Ator thanked Judge Rubenstein for her participation. She congratulated all the elected officials and everyone that ran for office. She said that the campaign experience was very enjoyable, and she too benefited from talking to residents and listening to their ideas. She does not expect the Council members to always agree, but she believes they would all walk away as friends. She appreciated their willingness to serve, and was looking forward to the experience. She also wanted to state for the record that she is not the first woman to serve on the Council; she was actually number seven, and wanted to recognize the service of those that came before her.

Councilwoman Ator explained that she and her family moved to Miami Springs for the same reasons that so many residents call this City home. She was excited for the opportunity to help protect the City, while continuing to allow it to be a wonderful place to live, play, work and raise children. She appreciated all the support she received throughout the election, and looks forward to serving.

Mayor Bain expressed his appreciation for his family, his wife Grace, his daughter Holly and sons Jon and Nick, his sister-in-law Karen and nephew Michael, for all their help with his campaign. He also thanked all the people that voted for him.

Mayor Bain said that it was an honor to sit on the dais and work for the people of the City. He also wanted to recognize Mr. Bob Schultz for all his work and time regarding the annexation flyers. He again wished the three new council members well.

## **6. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Billy Bain  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Magalí Valls, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved as written during meeting of: 4/27/2009.

Transcribed from tape by Marilyn Newton.